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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION - HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE

1. AMBASSADOR SANSON ROMAN, WHO IS NICARAGUA'S PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE IN GENEVA, HAS BEEN SITTING IN THE HRC AS ALTERNATE REP THROUGHOUT THE PRESENT SESSION. HE IS ALSO SERVING AS CHAIRMAN OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE OF THE LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE. AMB. SANSON ROMAN HAS INFORMED USREP HOFFMAN THAT HE HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY SOME COMMISSION MEMBERS REGARDING HIS AVAILABILITY TO SERVE ON THE WORKING GROUP TO INVESTIGATE THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN CHILE WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED BY THE HRC ON FEBRUARY 27. SANSON ROMAN SAID THAT DELEGATION OF CHILE HAS EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT HE WOULD AGREE TO SERVE. IN RESPONSE TO HIS REQUEST FOR OUR VIEWS, HOFFMAN PRAISED SANSON ROMAN'S DEMONSTRATED ABILITIES AND EXPRESSED VIEW THAT HE WOULD BE VALUABLE MEMBER OF WORKING GROUP. SANSON ROMAN EXPRESSED HIS INTEREST IN SERVING AND INTENTION TO SEEK THE APPROVAL OF HIS GOVT. HE WAS OF THE

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OPINION THAT HIS GOVT'S DECISION ON HIS SERVING

WOULD BE INFLUENCED BY THE ATTITUDE TAKEN BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

2. COMMENT: AMBASSADOR SANSON ROMAN HAS PROVED TO BE A HIGHLY EFFECTIVE NEGOTIATOR, HAVING ACTED AS THE LA SPOKESMAN IN THE BEHIND-THE-SCENES ACTIVITIES WHICH RESULTED IN THE CONSENSUS DECISION TAKEN BY THE COMMISSION. HE HAS NOT TAKEN AN ACTIVE PART IN THE PUBLIC DEBATES OF THE HRC AND WE THEREFORE HAVE NOT SUFFICIENT BASIS FOR JUDGING THE DEPTH OF HIS INTELLECTUAL QUALITIES. HE HAS DEMONSTRATED AN OUTSTANDING ABILITY TO DEAL EFFECTIVELY WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS AND POSSESSES A SHARP POLITICAL SENSE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THESE QUALITIES HAVE ALSO BEEN DEMONSTRATED IN HIS PERFORMANCE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE OF THE LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE. USDEL RECOMMENDS THAT IF ASKED BY THE GON WE ENDORSE HIS MEMBERSHIP ON THE WORKING GROUP. DALE

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